

SENATE RESOLUTION 27  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ron Slay on his  
outstanding 2002 - 2003 basketball season.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and  
commend those successful college athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor  
to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, University of Tennessee basketball player Ron Slay is renowned for his  
perennial nature as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility and competitive stature in the  
world of NCAA sports; and

WHEREAS, even though he was forced to miss a substantial portion of the 2001 – 2002  
season because of a debilitating ACL tear, forward Ron Slay achieved an extraordinary level of  
success during the 2002 – 2003 season, bouncing back to lead the Southeastern Conference  
(SEC) in scoring throughout the entire season; and

WHEREAS, averaging an astounding 21.6 points a game, Mr. Slay secured his place as  
the highest scorer in the SEC; and

WHEREAS, while supporting the team's vision, Ron Slay collected numerous prestigious accolades for his individual performance; and

WHEREAS, earning the respect of the NCAA basketball coaches, Ron Slay was named SEC Player of the Week in two consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Slay was named first-team All-SEC, First team, the second season in a row that a Volunteer has earned this distinction from both the Associated Press and the league coaches; and

WHEREAS, ESPN basketball guru, Dick Vitale, and CollegeInsider.com named Ron Slay the SEC's top player of the year as he was placed among the finalists for the John R. Wooden Award; and

WHEREAS, perhaps his most impressive honor, Ron Slay was named the Associated Press' SEC Player of the Year; he is the first Tennessee Volunteer to receive such accolades since Dale Ellis won the celebrated award in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Ron Slay inspired the student body and united the entire Knoxville community in completing his triumphal run through the 2002 – 2003 season; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career at the University of Tennessee, Mr. Slay has won the admiration of countless fans and the esteem of coaches and fellow players, being praised by University of Kentucky coach Tubby Smith as "a guy who can raise his teammates up with his energy, overall level of play and ability to put the ball in the basket"; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic and talent of this young man not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for his success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, Ron Slay has brought innumerable accolades and honors upon both himself and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pay tribute to Ron Slay's remarkable abilities as an athlete and his dedication to representing Tennessee with dignity and class; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Tennessee Volunteer Ron Slay for his remarkable college basketball career, particularly noting his remarkable comeback and his outstanding 2002-2003 season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Ron Slay our best wishes for his continued success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.